

Comparing the Conceptual Alternatives

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
Main Idea	Continue existing management policies and visitor use patterns. (This "no-action" alternative is a base-line for comparison to the three action alternatives: 2, 3 and 4.)	The Eastern Front would be the starting point for all visits to PNB - the visitor center would be expanded and the battlefield rehabilitated to its 1864 patterns. Other park battlefields would be preserved in their current conditions. To preserve nationally significant battlefields, provide more interpretive opportunities for visitors, and buffer existing park resources, the park boundary would expand by 6,282 acres.	Visits to PNB could begin at any of the park units. At each, the central campaign story would be told, in addition to the story specific to each place. Battlefields would be rehabilitated to their Civil War conditions to the extent possible. To preserve existing park lands and resources, the park boundary would expand by 1,346 acres.	Visits to PNB could begin at any of the park units. At each, the central campaign story would be told, in addition to the story specific to each place. Battlefields would be rehabilitated to their Civil War conditions to the extent possible. To preserve nationally significant battlefields, provide more interpretive opportunities for visitors, and buffer existing park resources, the park boundary would expand by 6,282 acres.
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Boundary expands by 221 acres to protect existing park resources. Rehabilitate monuments and historic structures.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Stabilize and preserve all resources as is. Complete removal of trees from selected earthworks. Boundary expands by 4,355 acres to protect related resources.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Stabilize and preserve all resources as is. Boundary expands by 1,705 acres to protect related resources. 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Mission Goal 2: Interpretation & Visitor Experience	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Auto-tour and use of walking trails at key sites continues to be primary visitor experience. Interpretative focus on Union and Confederate leaders and the chronology of the campaign continues.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Grant's leadership and operations, Lincoln's visit, soldier, civilian and slave life continue to be key themes. Limited tours and presentations.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Opening battles and start of siege continue to be key themes.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Gradual western encirclement of city by Grant continues to be key theme. Limited tours and presentations.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Final battle continues to be key theme. Limited tours and presentations.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Auto-tour and use of walking trails at key sites continues to be primary visitor experience. Most tours and presentations take place at Eastern Front VC. Tours & special events occasionally scheduled at all units.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Grant's leadership and operations, Lincoln's visit, soldier, civilian and slave life, reunification and emancipation are key themes. Tours, special events and presentations occasionally scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>All themes are told here. Eastern Front is presented in context of siege. Visitors are encouraged to visit all park units & resources beyond park.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Gradual western encirclement of city by Grant & attempts to cut Lee's Confederate supply line; soldier life; trench & siege warfare. Tours, special events and presentations occasionally scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Spring offensive, movements of the armies, final battle and Lee's retreat. Tours, special events and presentations occasionally scheduled.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Fundamental stories are told at all units. Auto-tour and use of walking trails at key sites continues to be primary visitor experience, well supplemented by regularly scheduled tours and presentations at all units.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Causes of the war, Grant's leadership and operations, Lincoln's visit, soldier, civilian and slave life, reunification and emancipation are key themes. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Causes of the war, soldier and civilian life, and leadership and command are key themes. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Causes of the war, gradual western encirclement of city by Grant; soldier life; trench & siege warfare. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Causes of the war, spring offensive, final battle, Lee's retreat and reunification. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Fundamental stories are told at all units. Auto-tour and use of walking trails at key sites continues to be primary visitor experience, well supplemented by regularly scheduled tours and presentations at all units.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Causes of the war, Grant's leadership and operations, Lincoln's visit, soldier, civilian and slave life, reunification and emancipation are key themes. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Causes of the war, soldier and civilian life, and leadership and command are key themes. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Causes of the war, gradual western encirclement of city by Grant & attempts to cut Lee's Confederate supply line; soldier life; trench & siege warfare. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Causes of the war, spring offensive, movements of the armies, final battle, Lee's retreat and reunification. Tours, special events and presentations are regularly scheduled.</div></div>
Mission Goal 3: Visitor Use & Facilities	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>No new orientation, interpretation, comfort or recreational facilities are developed. Visitors continue to be directed to begin at Eastern Front visitor center; limited or no orientation is available at other sites.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Existing visitor contact at Appomattox Manor remains.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Existing visitor center continues to be main point-of-contact. Recreation on existing trails for jogging, hiking, horseback riding.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>No visitor contact station at battlefields; seasonal availability at Poplar Grove.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Existing visitor contact station at former gas station remains.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Visitors are directed to begin at expanded Eastern Front visitor center for primary orientation; secondary orientation at each unit to full park story and localized stories</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Existing visitor contact at Appomattox Manor remains.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Existing visitor center expanded with space for educational programs, bookstore, exhibits.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>New visitor comfort station (restrooms only). New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>New visitor contact station. New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Visits begin at any of the units and visitors determine own itinerary. All units provide full orientation, as well as detailed interpretation of localized stories.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Bonaccord would be rehabilitated as a visitor contact station.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Existing visitor center remains as is with addition of handicapped accessibility features.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Establishment of visitor contact station at Poplar Grove. New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>New visitor contact station. New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Visits begin at any of the units and visitors determine own itinerary. All units provide full orientation, as well as detailed interpretation of localized stories.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Bonaccord would be rehabilitated as a visitor contact station.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Existing visitor center remains as is with addition of handicapped accessibility features.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>New visitor contact station. New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>New visitor contact station. New interpretive trails allow visitors to understand military action.</div></div>
Mission Goal 4: Organizational Efficiency	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Existing partnerships continue with universities, Conservation Fund; Civil War Preservation Trust and others as noted. Existing support facilities remain.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Continue existing agreement with City of Hopewell to maintain the City Point waterfront park.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Continue existing interpretive activities for special events. Maintain existing partnerships with City of Petersburg School District for educational programming.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Continue existing partnerships at Poplar Grove.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Continue existing partnerships for agriculture leases, conservation lands and with Dinwiddie County Parks to develop interpretive trails.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships and develop new partnerships strategically to meet park mission. Existing support facilities remain.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Expand interpretive/orientation efforts with the city of Petersburg.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Develop interpretive trails with Dinwiddie County Parks. Expand interpretive opportunities with local organizations. Install satellite lands maintenance facility here or at Five Forks.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Develop interpretive trails with Dinwiddie County Parks. Satellite lands maintenance facility here or at Western Front.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships and develop new partnerships strategically to meet park mission.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships. Emphasize advocacy and technical assistance to managers of other resources. Seek partnership for water or rail access to site for tours.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships. Emphasize advocacy and technical assistance to managers of other resources.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships. Emphasize advocacy and technical assistance to managers of other resources.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships. Emphasize advocacy and technical assistance to managers of other resources.</div></div>	<div><div>Park-wide</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships and develop new partnerships strategically to meet park mission.</div></div> <div><div>Grant's HQ at City Point</div><div>Maintain and enhance existing partnerships. Seek partnership for water or rail access to site for tours.</div></div> <div><div>Eastern Front</div><div>Expand interpretive/orientation efforts with the city of Petersburg.</div></div> <div><div>Western Front</div><div>Develop interpretive trails with Dinwiddie County Parks. Expand interpretive opportunities with local organizations. Install satellite lands maintenance facility here or at Five Forks.</div></div> <div><div>Five Forks</div><div>Develop interpretive trails with Dinwiddie County Parks. Satellite lands maintenance facility here or at Western Front.</div></div>